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Act V Quote Interpretation

“O mischief, thou art swift to enter in the thoughts of desperate men.”

Romeo*, The Tragedy of Romeo & Juliet ACT V, Scene I*

**Significance in the Play:**

This quote really spoke a lot about what Romeo’s mental state was during the time after he was informed of Juliet's supposed death. He was thinking of all kinds of things which could be crazy, or even illegal. This foreshadows him doing something crazy or desperate. This whole quote could be interpreted as a foreshadowing of Romeo going into the Capulet vault to see Juliet, then committing suicide with the poison so he could be with her forever. This is a very desperate and crazy thing to do.

**Meaning / Significance of the Quote in Real Life:**

This quote has one very obvious and true meaning. The quote means that people, not just men, will sometimes do anything if the situation forces them in to a pressured of nervous situation. People will do anything out of desperateness. Also this quote has some deep meaning in real life as well. Just look at how many robberies there have been because someone was desperate for money. Also some murders that have been solved were just committed because someone was desperate to get something done, and someone had stood in their way. This can always apply to many other kinds of mischief if you just think a bit on it, because people can do terrible things when they are desperate enough.